

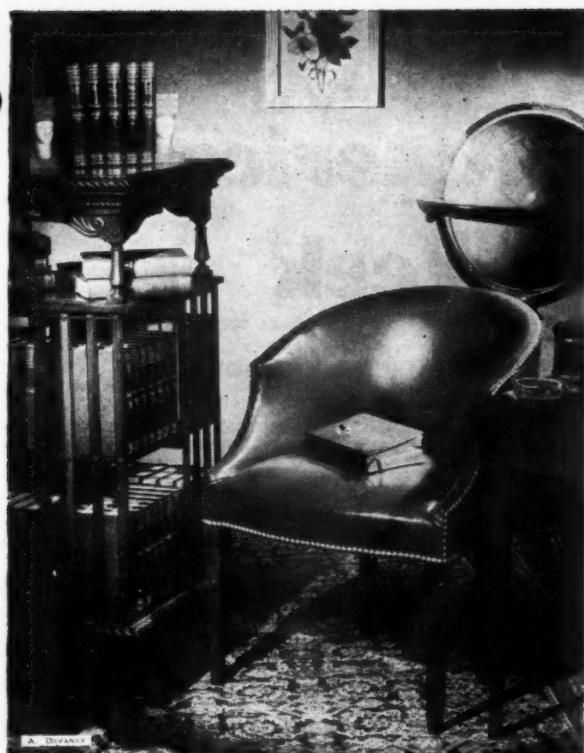
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Brief Messages on

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

November 7-13

WHETHER WE ARE parents or teachers, our primary concern and responsibility is the guidance of our boys and girls into the maturity which the adult complex world requires. Education must have as its ultimate goal the fullest development of the best potentialities of each young person! Thus the demand is that the school effectively provide for individual differences in abilities, aptitudes, interests, and needs. It is our responsibility to prevent the exploitation of pupils for any purpose. We must help each one to adjust to himself,

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to other people, and to the world in which he must live, to be himself and yet be able to relate himself to others. This implies that all the forces exerted on a child's development must be considered—the church, the home, and the school. Providing the conditions for the effective education of our children is a tremendous task. An ambitious program involving the home, church, and school is a vital step in the direction for personal morality, for social uplift, and for good citizenship. Schools are maintained not simply to make our children clever or skillful, but to help them to become men and women of integrity and purpose, efficient members of society, and loyal to country and to humanity. No education is complete, nor is the realization of its aim assured, until it has been crowned with a development of the spiritual nature.—R. Leonard Carroll, PRESIDENT, LEE COLLEGE.

THE YOUTH IN MANY nations are still living in ignorance and superstition while the American youth has the advantage of educational training through our homes, schools, and churches. Yet, many of our youth have not taken advantage of such training. May we all during American Education Week stress this need and encourage our youth to take advantage of this great opportunity. The public schools are very important. However, the teaching in the home, Sunday School, and church school is equally important. May we remember and observe American Education Week by our prayers, finance, and cooperation.—Zeno C. Tharp, GENERAL OVERSEER.

"PERILOUS TIMES" is a Biblical expression whose sinister meaning comes more and more into evidence as time passes. The peril of the times, spiritual, moral, intellectual, and physical, makes it imperative that our young people receive proper instruction and training in the spiritual and ethical matters of life. This youthful training alone can temper or negate the destructive influences that prey upon their minds. This fact imposes upon all who are teachers—in the home, the church, and the school—a grave responsibility. We will meet tomorrow what we have taught today, in the deeds of those now docile and yielding, who then will have become fixed and determined. So let us teach well.—Charles W. Conn, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF.

ANNUALLY THE people of the United States are made conscious of their educational advantages by a week of special emphasis called *American Education Week*. During this week, the eyes of the Americans are focused on the various educational institutions that comprise an important part of the American way of life.

This is an age of training. Training camps dot the globe in which the young people are becoming skilled in science, industry, and other phases of the material side of life.

While industry and business are calling for skilled labor and trained men, let us not forget that God is also calling for trained, competent leaders in His serv-

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*For the Young People's Endeavor,
A Suggested*

Program for American Education Week

November 7-13, 1954

The following program has been prepared with the hope it will be of assistance to our Y.P.E. presidents in preparing their weekly Y.P.E. programs during the observance of *American Education Week*.

Several suggestions and program ideas are offered, and the Y.P.E. president may use any or all of these ideas in preparing and presenting what we sincerely trust will be an interesting and beneficial program.

Any program which produces the desired results must be seasoned with prayer. Pray much for this service.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM

All alumni and speakers for this service should be invited to sit on the platform.

1. Singing and Music

No suggestions are offered as to the songs for the opening of this service; however, the selection should be made ahead of time so that the songs selected will be suitable for this service.

2. Scripture Reading and Prayer (by the Y.P.E. president)

Suggested scriptures: 1 Timothy 4:12-16, 2 Timothy 2:15, Proverbs 22:6, Deuteronomy 6:6-9, 2 Peter 3:18, Acts 6:4

3. Suggestions for Special Speakers

It would, no doubt, add to your service greatly if you could invite a Christian principal or teacher from a public school or college in your area to visit your Y.P.E. service and give a ten-minute address on the need and benefits of education. It would be helpful if you would explain to this speaker ahead of time the type of service you are conducting.

Perhaps in your local church or in a neighboring church there is an alumnus of one of our Bible schools or colleges who would be very happy to give a ten-minute talk in this particular service.

4. Offering

The Y.P.E. offering should be lifted for educational purposes.

5. Showing of an Education Film or Filmstrip

In many instances you will be able to rent an education film or filmstrip from a film rental concern in your city. The film equipment can also be rented from the same concern or perhaps borrowed from a school in your city.

Before any film on education is shown in your local church, it should be previewed and approved by the pastor.

6. Question and Answer Period

A very beneficial part of the *American Education Week* Y.P.E. program could be a question and answer period—perhaps ten or fifteen minutes in length. This would give opportunity for persons to ask any questions concerning our schools, the courses offered, etc.

This part of your service should be moderated by a well-qualified person who is familiar with our schools. Perhaps your pastor or an alumnus in your church would make a good moderator. (Write Lee College for a free catalog.)

7. Main Feature—A PANEL DISCUSSION

This is one feature which, perhaps, can be used very effectively and successfully by any Y.P.E.

Five persons (the chairman and four panelists) should be selected and notified ahead of time that the subject for discussion will be "Training Our Youth."

To assist the panelists, we are giving below a subtopic for each of them, along with an appropriate scripture verse and some lead thoughts.

Please give this information to your panelists ahead of time so that they may prepare themselves for this panel discussion.

Panelist Number 1

Subject: Training in the Home

Scripture: Joshua 24:15c

Lead Thought: The dearest and most sacred spot on earth is the home. The homes of our country are like many rivers emptying themselves into the great gulf of social, moral, and political life. The home is the transfer point of civilization. From the proper or improper settlement of the home question comes more sorrow or joy, more anguish or happiness than from all other questions combined.

The most beautiful picture in all the world is a whole family on the way to heaven. The most horrible picture is a whole family on the way to hell. One cannot escape the prophetic statement in the book of Proverbs, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it."—R. L. Platt.

Panelist Number 2

Subject: Training in the Public School.

Scripture: Luke 2:52

Lead Thought: Moral and spiritual growth in our public schools can be taught in four ways.

1. Through Subject Matter—Materials that are written for children on their level will fascinate their imagination to want to know more about religious subjects.

2. Through Religious Programs—Programs should be set up in our schools for a systematic study of God's Word every day. Bible study will motivate positive thinking toward religion if it is carried out in a program of interest for the children.

3. Through Chapel Services—In our weekly chapel services a certain time should be set aside for moral and spiritual training. Our greatest issue today is juvenile delinquency; so, moral training should be taught as often as possible.

4. Through Teachers Who Are Christian Leaders—Nobody can really teach morality effectively in our public schools without religion; therefore, our teachers should have a good Christian background in order to be in charge of our children as much as they are. As Theodore Roosevelt said, "Mere education without divine guidance is like handing a gun to an irresponsible man."

The reading of Luke 2:52 will show you how Jesus grew in wisdom and by this wisdom found favor with God and man. You can find favor with God and man through religious education.—Stanley Butler.

Panelist Number 3

Subject: Training in Sunday School

Scripture: Proverbs 29:15b

Lead Thought: A century and a half ago when a resident of a slum district of Gloucester, England, complained of the rough and rowdy out-of-school conduct of children in the community, Robert Raikes rented a room and hired teachers to instruct these children on Sundays in reading, writing, good morals, and religion. One of the

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That We May Be . . .

REVIVED

By
David
Suleiman

"Will thou not revive us again? that thy people may rejoice in thee?" Psalm 85:6.

A REVIVAL DOES NOT necessarily begin with the physical manifestations, nor is it limited to the salvation of the lost. A true and scriptural revival, however, will always leave its marks on the unsaved, and the reactions of God's people will be of a joyful nature. Spiritually speaking, a powerful revival marks the return of God's people unto the Lord; it is the renewing of our vows and promises toward God.

In the past few years we have heard of great revivals. The press reported of the multitude that gathered for religious meetings. Our evangelists have succeeded in filling town halls, auditoriums, tents, and churches. We have heard of the many decisions made for Christ, of the thousands who came down the aisles in a single night. All these reports are wonderful, but does that mean that we are in the midst of a great revival?

Let us glance back and study some of the great revivals of the past centuries. We should look for the reasons, methods used, the nature of the manifestations of the Spirit, and above all, the results of such revivals. After the great revival in Rochester, the county jail was closed for three years due to the lack of "customers." Today, in our modern revival meetings, no such results are seen, but sad to say, the reports have been to the contrary. Fort Worth, Texas, a town that boasted of a great recent year's revival, experienced the greatest crime wave a few weeks after the revival ended. Detroit, Michigan, a city of sin and industry, is another example of a city which had its highest percentage of crime and divorce increase a few days after a city-wide meeting was concluded. Not far from us is the city of Chattanooga, Tennessee, which had a spectacular meeting, a month long in fact, and was visited with rape attacks just a few months after the close of that meeting. Now, Chattanooga holds the record among cities of its type to be the highest in all crimes. These are but a few examples. It is not the writer's intention to attack the efforts of God's people, but rather to challenge the readers to pray for a real spiritual, scriptural, heart-searching, soul-saving, life-changing revival.

A revival is a time of testing. First, it is a time to test and try God. We are to try His faithfulness and His love toward us. In a revival, God assures us of His grace unto us, and we are made to believe more than ever that His promises are true. Second, a revival is a time of testing for the Church. The Church as one body will endeavor to venture by faith; it will have to go through trying moments when opposition comes. The Church was never promised complete deliverance from trials, but we can believe Him when He said, "In this world ye shall have tribulations, but be of good cheer, I have overcome

the world." Third, a revival is a time of testing for the Christian; it is the time when we search our hearts and make the light of the gospel expose our hidden secrets. It is a time of testing for a Christian, as he will be tested for his faithful attendance, no more pulling or begging. When it is time for service, a true revival will find a true Christian in his place.

A revival is a time of weeping. All revivals of importance in history were saturated with the tears of the saints. A revival does not come perchance, but it is the result of a broken and a burdened heart. It is the result of many nights spent in prayer, and if you look carefully you can see the marks of tears on the trail of all revivals. First, we are to cry over the traditions of the Church. There are over 92,000,000 church members in the United States, but in all the churches, Catholics included, only a third of that number are present for the Sunday services. We are to cry and weep over the position and life of the Christians today. We dare to say that out of the 58,000,000 Protestant Church members in the United States, only half of that number have experienced the new birth.

Weep and cry, O America, your churches have been defiled; your very life has been corrupted, and many of your Church members are lost and undone. America, which has more churches, more Sunday Schools, more religious educators, and more preachers than any other country, now leads the world in sin and crime. Christians, here is our challenge; Pentecostal people, here is our opportunity. We have the answer for this puzzle, and we have the solution for this problem.

A revival is a time of reaping. When a revival comes, sinners are convicted of their sins. At the day of Pentecost, there were thousands who accepted the Lord Jesus Christ and JOINED THE CHURCH. What a wonderful thought—the prayers of the early Christians kept the revival fires of Pentecost burning till today.

Here we stand today. We are faced with communism on one hand and with a dying world on the other. Men and women who know not Christ are dying every minute. We have tried all that is within our limit—we have preached, we have sung, we have presented programs, we have organized our efforts, we have had big crowds in our churches, but we still stand at the edge of FAILURE. Most preachers are making the remark that all they are doing is "holding the people together." God help us to be stirred and moved. The only hope for America and the Christian people today is revealed in us. We, who are baptized with His Spirit, know that all the work of men is in vain, unless men and women, young people and old, rich or poor, are rebaptized with God's Spirit, and let the fire of Pentecost keep on burning for that great revival which shall precede the coming of the Lord.

Gold From the Golden Texts



By
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THE GOLDEN TEXT for October 24, 1954, taught us to find a hiding place "in our hearts" for God's Word. It is said that the fox (tricky fellow) has three compartments in his den. So it is with the natural heart—tricky and "deceitful above all things." Read Jeremiah 17:9. If the Word is hidden in our hearts, it will be like the leaven the woman hid in three measures of meal. The result was that "all was leavened." God wants us to be filled with His Word and it to dwell in us richly. "Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts." If God's Word is only in our Bible, then sin has plenty access. The Word is a strong guard. Read 1 John 2:14. "Safety first may mean God first." One fellow said the reason he had had fifty years of happy married life was because he had always admitted he was wrong. The Word hidden in our hearts usually leads us right, and we don't have to admit we are wrong.

We have to read the Word, study, or listen to it to get it into our hearts. 1 Timothy 4:13, "Give (regular) attendance to reading." It is said that Dr. Fuller made a confession of laziness and asked God to forgive him. He said, "Lord, I confess I must be getting lazy in reading, for when I start to read, I look to see how long the chapter is; I see if it ends on the same page." Then he said, "Scourge me, Lord, for this laziness of soul; make the reading of Thy Word not a penance but a pleasure." Anything remembered must first be in the mind; therefore, the Holy Ghost will bring the words of Christ to us "if they are hidden in our hearts." Read John 4:26.

I heard of a fellow getting sick who lived far back in the country. Of course, the doctor could not get to him very soon, but when he came, he asked if anything had been done to relieve him. His wife said, "Well, not so much, Doc. I jus put his feet in almos bilin' water with mustard in it, put hot plaster on his back and one on his chest, made a couple of blisters under his arms, placed a bag of cracked ice on his neck, and made him drink a pint of real hot ginger tea with some pills and pain-killer medicine in it. I didn't want to do much till you got here and saw if you knew what alled him." This may seem comical, but many people are doctored to death by quack remedies and quack doctrines. They are so mixed up that they hardly know whether they are going or coming. The sure remedy is God's Word rightly divided. 1 Timothy 6:3-5 tells what happens to persons who won't have the wholesome words of Christ hidden in their hearts.

THE GOLDEN TEXT FOR November 7, 1954, says, "Show me, teach me, and lead me." "Me" is about the strangest fellow you have ever seen or about whom you have ever heard. He's so big and strong, yet little and weak; he's so needy, yet independent; he has need of nothing, yet he is poor and naked. "Me" needs strong, solid, soul-stirring sermons, yet "Me" says So-and-so should have been there, for he or she is the one who really should have heard that sermon. "Mi" is a musical note many times too high or too low, sprung or sour. I have heard of a bird in South America called the "me" bird. His continual tune is "me, me, me." Now would we have to go to South America to find one?

There is a good "me" spirit, and there is a bad one. David had the good one when he prayed, "Lord, show me, teach me, and lead me." Never have we needed divine guidance more than we need it now. "The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is (very) weak." "It is not in man that walketh to direct his (own) steps." The bad "me" spirit has made some wise in their own conceits, thereby giving a fool more hope than he has. Someone has said, "An egotist is an 'I' specialist." Well, when two meet, they are an "I" for an "I." Paul plainly tells us why perilous times will come—"For men (and women) shall be lovers of their own selves"—even though they cover themselves with a cloak of humility, a feigned humility. Read Colossians 2:18.

THE PUBLICAN in Luke 18 had a good "me" spirit. It brought blessings. The Pharisee had a bad "me" spirit. It caused his rejection. One little girl in prayer said, "Lord, bless Harry and make him as good as me." A boy in juvenile court said, "I ain't no bad kid; I washes my face every day." Well, there is a generation that is using its own methods for purity; yet, it is dirty and full of all uncleanness. The bad "me" spirit will make us say, "I am as good as you." The good one will cause us to say, "You are as good as I." David said, "I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue." Keep your tongue true if your teeth are false.

"Me" is a problem; he either overpraises or overpities self. It's very good to feel burdened for others, to pray for them, and to do all we can to help others, but one of the biggest snares Satan has is getting us to fret about evil-doers, to worry because the other fellow won't do his part or duty. It's so easy to blame someone else for our failings, but usually an alibi is Satan's lie. Peter seemed worried about what John would do, but Jesus as good as told him that it was none of his business. His orders were to follow Christ. So, we will do well to pray very earnestly, "Lord, show me, teach me, and lead me." After all is said and done, every one of us will give an account of himself (me) to God.

Why Sit We

HERE

By Ruth Staples

Text: "And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die?" 2 Kings 7:3.

FIRST, I WANT YOU to take note of the subject "Why Sit We Here Until We Die?" The leprous men realized they were about to die. This is more than a lot of today's church members realize who are on the brink of dying spiritually because of sitting idly by, unconcerned as souls by the multitudes go out into eternity unprepared.

Leprosy is a type of sin or an unclean disease which typifies sin. Under the law of Moses when one had leprosy, he was immediately cast out of the city and left to die. Outside the city starving is where we find these four men of whom our text refers.

The fourth verse tells us, "If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die." Notice they said, "we shall but die." Apparently they had no fear of death. In many cases today, it seems even Christians fail to have enough of God not to fear death.

The Jews say these lepers were Gehazi (Elisha's servant) and his three sons. They reasoned themselves into a resolution to make a visit in the night to the camp of the Syrians. They were ready to perish for hunger. Beloved, the world is in the same condition spiritually as these lepers were physically. It is a heart-breaking thought that the power of God is at the finger tips of the Church and that they are refusing to use it as the people perish for proof of the real truth of God's Word and the power that we Pentecostals claim is ours through the blessed Holy Ghost.

In Acts 1:8 we find Jesus telling the disciples what to do and how to receive power. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

In Mark 16:15-20 after He had risen, we find that He appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat and said unto them, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is bap-

tized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen."

PASTORS, EVANGELISTS, and laymen everywhere can have that power today. We must face facts. There is too much of a form of godliness but denying the power of God. The nominal churches don't

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profess to have the power that the Pentecostal people profess, but how much of it do they see? The world is still as hungry to find something to satisfy their souls as the four leprous men were to satisfy their physical hunger. There are far too many people in Pentecostal movements who have apparently overlooked Mark 16:20. Read it again. "And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." It was His Spirit and power that was confirming the Word with signs and wonders. Brother, there are too many people following signs rather than having enough power with God to do what He promised unto the least of us—signs following believers and not believers following signs. There are far too many ministers today that Jesus is wonderful to fulfill His promise to them, for when they pray for someone and God heals them, they begin to exalt themselves and proclaim the gift of healing. They start out, and because of leaving out the real source of power, Jesus and the Holy Ghost, they soon find themselves powerless. They have to face a mocking world that is farther from God and the real powerhouse than before.

Years ago when holiness began to spread like wildfire across the country, people in all walks of life came to the meetings. Some walked for miles, and others drove horses and wagons to an old brush arbor tabernacle to see the people who professed power with God, and they really had it, too. People began to accept it because they saw the proof.

Now, I'm not saying to you, "Let's go back to horse and buggy days," but I am saying, "Let's revive the Spirit and use the power at our finger tips. Let's shake ourselves as Samson did and see how much power we have." God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Praise His wonderful name!

Too many people professing power with God are luring the world to sleep with this prayer "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep" When questioned about what God's Word rightly divided stands for, they know so little about it. They apologize to a starving world for what little they do know and quickly respond with this answer or a simi-

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Meditation on God brings consecration

The Church

By GEORGE J. REED

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MIGHTY NATIONS OF THE past, without exception, have planned and prepared programs for youth. The Spartans enrolled their youth in an intensive training and endurance program to prepare them for combat while later Greek civilization fostered philosophy and the arts. The Roman Empire schooled its youth in oratory, writing, and other cultural subjects. In modern Germany, a shrewd dictator created the Hitler Youth Movement and fashioned millions of young people into a great war machine.

Here in America we are attempting to train our youth to understand and to live a democratic life. We try to anticipate the problems they will face ten, twenty, or even thirty years from now and try to train them to meet those problems successfully. To a large extent, the training we give our young people will determine the future of America's way of life and perhaps that of the rest of the world.

In addressing the National Big Brother Conference in Minneapolis last year, Dr. J. O. Christianson, superintendent of the University of Minnesota Farm School said:

"There are in the world today 710,000,000 children and youth between the ages of five and nineteen. If these youth were to march across the platform of this auditorium tonight, we would see that fifty-six out of every one hundred come from Asia, fifteen from Europe, nine from Africa, eight from South America, six from Russia, five from North America, and one from Australia."

In view of these comparisons, it is clear that America would invite disaster by fighting toe to toe against the overwhelming Asiatic hordes. Maintaining our way of life plainly depends upon the use of our great natural resources, our superior know-how, our positive leadership, and, supremely, our faith in God.

Today's youth face many pressures and problems that did not confront the past generation. Compulsory military service disrupts and occasionally twists life plans. The feeling of insecurity pervading the atomic age does not bypass youth, though their conversation may not reveal it.

YOUTH IN CONFLICT with the laws and conventions of our society is claiming an increasing amount of urgent study. One of the most thorough research projects to date in the field of "causative factors" of delinquency, by Doctors Sheldon and Eleanor Glueck of Harvard University, encompassed a number of years and the examination of 500 normal youth and 500 delinquent youth.

The researchers found little difference in the two groups as to housing conditions, socio-economic levels, degrees of health, or adequacy of recreation facilities.

The significant difference lay in home background. Those who came from broken homes, homes where real love was lacking, and homes with little adult supervision during formative years loomed prominently in delinquency statistics.

During the last decade, I have had a small part in developing the so-called "New Penology." This movement stems from the Model Youth Correction Act, originally produced by the American Law Institute.

Its aim is to substitute for retributive punishment methods of training and treatment designed to correct and prevent antisocial tendencies. Its objective is rehabilitation. California, in 1941, was the first state to implement the Model Youth Correction Act by developing a youth authority program. Since then, fourteen states and the Federal Government have followed suit.

The new Federal Youth Correction Program, in which I am directly engaged, is attempting through its diagnostic centers to learn *why* youth are in trouble and to develop an individualized treatment program. Diagnosis determines a youngster's I.Q., his academic achievement level, and areas of retardation and plans how special interests, strengths, and weaknesses, both intellectual and manual, can be built up.

One of the thrills of my life occurred in Minnesota while serving as the executive secretary for Governor Luther W. Youngdahl's Second State Conference on Children and Youth in 1950. Some 2,000 citizens of Minnesota spent two days studying the unmet needs of Minnesota's

and Youth in Conflict

A teen-ager shoots a man for the "kick of seeing blood running"; a runaway girl confronts her father and insolently denies they are related; a brash soldier on foreign duty shoots a civilian and expresses surprise at being brought to justice—these instances of violence, selected from many, indicate that, as never before, American's youth is engaged in conflict.

children and youth. From this conference our resolutions committee formulated "The Seven Basic Needs of Children and Youth."

1. Consistent and firm support from the home, supplemented by school, church, and other institutions, to build healthy inter-personal relationships through which security, love, and acceptance may be achieved.
2. Opportunity to develop skills of living which will lead to more adequate adjustment.
3. Opportunity to assume increasing responsibility commensurate with age and ability.
4. Adequate provision for all essentials to physical health.
5. Equal educational opportunities consistent with native endowment and interest.
6. Active participation in community living through constructive work and planning.
7. Encouragement toward a rich and meaningful spiritual life.

CHURCHES WOULD DO well to note the high percentage of children who drop out of Sunday Schools and youth groups and to investigate whether their basic needs are being met by the church insofar as is possible.

Recently, while holding parole hearings at a federal reformatory, I examined some 200 cases which included several from church-related homes. One very bitter boy serving a long sentence came from a strict religious background. While interviewing him, I asked if his early training in Sunday School or home had not taught him an understanding of love or respect for other people's rights. His curt answer was:

"No, sir, I guess not. We had a lot of religion at our house but not much love."

May every parent examine well the religious climate which surrounds his child.

The Church needs to re-examine its methods to see if they are set up to meet the needs of youth in 1954. The basic beliefs of the Church are unchangeable, but some



Meditation on evil brings delinquency

of the methods ought to change if young people are not being challenged.

Sunday Schools, church programs, and youth organizations must provide balanced spiritual and social programs so that young people can develop well-integrated, healthy Christian personalities. Youth must know, not only what the Church is *against*, but also what it is *for*.

For too long we have allowed adolescents to believe that church and Sunday School are for "sissies." Youth are eager to prove themselves, to identify themselves with adults and their privileges. And when adults make distorted patterns to conform to society, the adolescents' problems are intensified.

Careless adult behavior is continually exposing the younger generation to temptation and danger. Philosophies of "take all you can" and "the end justifies the means" among adults shake the foundations of integrity laid in Sunday School and church. Characteristically we deplore corruption in government, raise eyebrows at "under the table" deals in business, and revel in beating a traffic ticket, but all encourage disrespect for law and order and sinister contempt for Christian teachings.

Youth must be persuaded of the vital role of Christianity in our modern way of life. The distinguished Swiss psychiatrist, Dr. Jung, declared:

"It seems to me that as religion diminishes, nervous diseases notably increase. For most of my patients who have passed middle age, there is not one whose real problem is not one of religious outlook; in the last resort, every one of them suffers because he has lost that which a living religion has at all times given to its followers, and not one is really cured unless he recovers his religious outlook."

WE MUST NOT ALLOW the false idea to persist that true science and true religious values are in conflict. Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh in his popular book *Of Flight and Life* said:

"To me in youth, science was more important than either man or God. I worshipped science. I was awed by

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ice. Every young person in the Church of God should enrich his life through the training program that our Church Bible schools are providing.

Daniel and the three Hebrew youths were recognized by Nebuchadnezzar because of their training. His request was "Youths in whom was no blemish, but well-favored and skillful in all wisdom, cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace . . ." Their training put them in position to give the message of deliverance to the kingdom of Babylon.

God is also looking for trained workers to represent His cause in the midst of a wicked and perverse nation.—Ray H. Hughes, NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH DIRECTOR.

AMERICAN EDUCATION Week is a week set apart for the purpose of seeking ways and means to qualify ourselves to meet the need of our day, and it should certainly be observed in The Church of God.

Such little time and opportunity is given whereby special emphasis is placed for the purpose of meeting the need of training in the home, public school, Sunday School, and church life until it seems that we should all rally around this special time dedicated for such constructive purposes.

This is a time when the pastor with his workers can give to the church detailed information with reference to the Church of God Foreign Missions Program. The Missions Office at 1080 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee, stands ready to provide any and all information to the pastor and his church, that would be of any help as far as is humanly possible. We have mission books which sell at a reasonable price, and brochures that we give away. The pastor and his staff could make a study of these and devote at least one part of this Y.P.E. service, planned for the observance of American Education Week, to the study of missions throughout the world. It is to be understood thoroughly that "the missionary enterprise is not the church's afterthought, it is the church's forethought; so let us make it always first in our thoughts." American Education Week, supported by the pastor and his workers, seasoned with prayer and deep sincerity, should foster a constructive program that will touch on home training, the life in our public schools, our responsibilities to and the blessings in our Sunday School work, and the creating of a greater enthusiasm for our church school, as well as the renewing of our heartfelt allegiance to the declaration of faith set forth by the church, based upon the Word of God.—Paul H. Walker, EXECUTIVE MISSIONS SECRETARY.

PROGRAM FOR AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

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few who offered encouragement to the great evangelist, John Wesley; he was the first to introduce volunteer Sunday School workers. The Sunday School movement grew in spite of opposition, and it is today one of the most recognized training agencies available to our youth.

Beginning with this secular approach, the Sunday School has changed its training processes. Emphasis is still placed on training in morals and religion. Ministers, parents, and public school teachers no longer provide adequate religious training; thus it is the duty of the

Sunday School to offer such instruction. J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has pointed out the importance of Sunday School training in these words: "Crime in America would be practically negligible if the young people attended Sunday School in their formative years."

For further information, consult Clarence Benson's *Sunday School in Action*.—Beatrice Hamilton Odom.

Panelist Number 4

Subject: Training in the Church School

Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:13-15

Lead Thought: Church schools; such as, Lee College and the other fine Bible schools in the United States and various other parts of the world have been established by the Church of God as sacred places for those of us who have a burning, all-consuming desire to serve more effectively in all activities of Christian endeavor. These are places where concerned souls can separate themselves from secular pursuits and the other distractions of life in order to unite with others of similar convictions, and desires, to "meditate upon these things; and give thyself wholly to them" (1 Timothy 4:15). Effective Christian work necessitates preparation as much or more than any other type of work. To work for God, a person needs (1) to know how to commune with God, (2) to know God's workings with man, (3) not only know God's Word, but also know it well enough to explain it to anyone regardless of his education or intelligence, and (4) he needs to have the necessary skills to enable him to associate with his fellow man in such a way as to lead him to the feet of the Master, and then prepare him to take his rightful place as a contributing member of the church. Such training is no simple matter, but for those willing to pay the price of rigorous, disciplined preparation, the rewards are bountiful and everlasting.—Winston Elliott.

After each panelist has spoken, the chairman may give opportunity for the panelists to speak further, or he may summarize the facts already presented.

8. Suggestion for the Conclusion of your American Education Week Service

A service of this type can be brought to a very proper conclusion by giving opportunity for those in attendance to consecrate for service.

Certainly, consecration is one of the prerequisites in preparing for Christian service and should have a prominent part in a service of this kind.

—End—

Please Note:

We wish to gratefully acknowledge the assistance of the Lee College instructors who provided the panel discussion material.

WHY SIT WE HERE UNTIL WE DIE?

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lar one, "Surely, I belong to a Pentecostal movement, and we believe in such and so, but—" They try to make excuses until they could easily be mistaken for a motorboat that is about out of gas, and I say, Beloved, that they are out of POWER.

CHURCH OF GOD people, let's begin to prove to the world what power God has instead of trying to hand them the guess-what-we-have experience.

The pulpits are becoming more powerless because of the sleeping Christians in the pews who arouse now and then to look at the stop watch to be sure that the preacher doesn't go one minute into the lunch hour. Regardless of what God would like to do, they are eager to rush home to eat chicken pie or roast, and that poor sinner who came to get food for his soul goes back home more thoroughly convinced than ever that there is nothing to it. Yet, we say we want to be in the center of God's will. It is a stink in the nostrils of God.

Also, there are too many ministers who think someone should fan them while they eat a nice piece of golden brown chicken and sit by waiting for someone else to go

out and organize them a church. After someone has gotten it built up with a nice salary and a cozy parsonage, they will move in so that they can fall again in an easy chair and let the Ladies' Willing Workers' Band take care of the bills.

When we say, "WE KNOW God has power," the world says, "Prove it!" We have no one but ourselves to blame for the world's not being convinced that there is power in the Holy Ghost.

Some Pentecostal churches could easily be mistaken for a morgue—so quiet and asleep—while others could be mistaken for an opera house. Pastor, you say to me, "I just can't get the people to come unless I have a concert or something." Wake up! The people are watching you beat your brains out trying to entertain them while they are becoming bored and are giving up, convinced that there is nothing to it, when all the time they wanted to know about the power in the blood, about Jesus and Him crucified. The answer is at your finger tips.

Let's get on the track again and let the Lord's power be seen and felt again as it was in Peter after he had received the Holy Ghost—as he walked down the streets, his shadow had power to heal the sick. The same power is ours today at our finger tips. A powerless Christian is as useful to his church as a dead body to his family. Let's arise and go across this Jordan and become alive and charged with the power of God.

The world says that seeing is believing. Again, I say unto you, "Why sit we here until we die and let the world die with us?"

THE CHURCH AND YOUTH IN CONFLICT

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its knowledge. Its advances had surpassed man's wildest dreams. In its learning seemed to lie the key to all mysteries of life.

"It took many years for me to discover that science, with all its brilliance, lights only a middle chapter of creation. I saw the science I worshiped and the aircraft I loved destroying the civilization I expected them to serve and which I thought as permanent as earth itself. Now I understand that spiritual truth is more essential to a nation than the mortar in its cities' walls. For when the actions of a people are unguided by these truths, it is only a matter of time before the walls themselves collapse.

"The most urgent mission of our time is to understand these truths and to apply them to our way of modern life. We must draw strength from the almost forgotten virtues of simplicity, humility, contemplation, prayer. It requires a dedication beyond science, beyond self, but the rewards are great, and it is our only hope."

In their efforts to follow the "scientific process," many of our research leaders in the fields of behavior, education, and the social sciences have lost complete sight of the basic beliefs in God which guided our nation's founding fathers.

Columnist Walter Lippmann wrote:

"The liberties we talk about defending today were established by men who took their conception of man from the great central religious tradition of Western civilization, and the liberties we inherit can almost certainly

not survive the abandonment of that tradition."

As youth faces changing concepts of morality and questions suggesting that all values are somewhat relative, Frieda Utley's book *The Dream We Lost* posts a decisive answer.

"Life in the U.S.S.R. made one realize that some absolute standards of behavior are essential to mankind if we are not to return to the life of the brute."

The standards of behavior suggested by Miss Utley have traditionally been founded upon Christian ideals. Unless the Church recaptures the initiative in forming national principles, a great many of our dreams for our families, church, and nation will be lost.

The Christian Church does have an answer to the problem of modern youth. That answer does not lie in merely teaching them the history and theology of Christianity but in leading them into a positive religious experience—a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Only as the Church brings its youth into this dynamic personal experience will these ominous and spreading conflicts be genuinely resolved.

Foreign Missions

WEST INDIES CONVENTION DATES

Barbados	January 9-16
St. Kitts	January 18, 19
Virgin Islands	January 21-23
Puerto Rico	January 24-30
Dominican Republic	January 31-February 3
Haiti	February 1-6
Havana, Cuba	February 20, 21
Santiago, Cuba	February 23, 24
Jamaica	February 27-March 2
Bahamas	February 27-March 6

For the last several years, it has been the custom for a number of the ministers in the United States to go on a particular circuit cruise that is provided at a reasonable cost in order to visit the conventions in the areas mentioned above. We feel sure that a number of the brethren will be interested again this year.

For full particulars, please contact A. W. Brummett, 671 N. E. First Place, Hialeah, Florida. You should contact Brother Brummett immediately so that he can secure your tickets and advise with reference to the schedule that you may desire.—Executive Secretary.

To miss a need may be to miss a miracle!

EDGEMOOR, S. C.—Just a note of praise about our record breaking and a wonderful offering of \$400. The Lord was so good to us, and the people worked and brought 233 to Sunday School. We thank God for it all.—W. H. Cabaniss, pastor.

WINNSBORO, S. C.—Sunday, October 3, we had our annual Home-coming and the weather couldn't have been better. Our attendance was grand, and we broke a five-year-old record in our Sunday School with 278 in attendance. We were also blessed financially. Our church needed \$1,700 to liquidate our total debt before going into an expansion program such as building a new brick parsonage and a brick youth center at the church. The Lord graciously through His people gave us \$1,003.84 on our Home-coming day offering. The outlook is bright.—E. C. Johnson, pastor.



GREER, S. C.—The Church of God in Greer is on the move! It all began with a financial drive on Sunday, Sept. 26. The present pastor, H. T. Durden, gave his plan to the congregation to either be accepted or rejected. The plan called for individuals to pledge different amounts of money to be paid in by next September. There were 44 people who stood and said they would pledge \$100 each. A total of \$5,500 was pledged that day! You can imagine the smile that came to the face of a pastor who already in advance had all his quotas and church bills pledged to be paid for the oncoming year! And to add to this, \$175 more has been pledged with promises of more to come. As a Spirit-filled pastor can expect, his plans for the financial welfare of the church were accepted with open arms!

Did things stop there? No. This was

only the beginning. The church has purchased land adjoining our property that has 100 foot frontage on two streets. On this property is a store building that will be converted into a Willing Workers kitchen and youth center. The men of the church met on Sunday, October 3, and decided to paint the church building on the outside, remodel the store building, do repairs around the parsonage, and they are considering covering it with asbestos siding. The L.W.W.B.'s have purchased a new bedroom suite for the parsonage along with several other things.

Greer has just begun to work. There are still new plans in the making for the betterment of the church. Through all this, there has still been time to pray sinners through at an altar of prayer. Each Sunday night, there are people being saved. What more could be expected from a church! We are a happy bunch of working people in Greer!—Reporter.



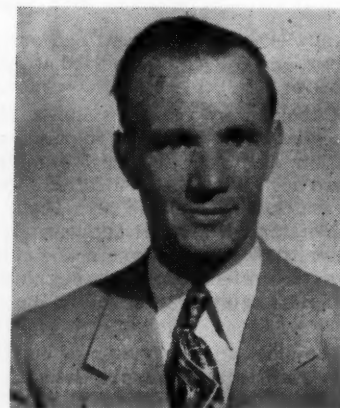
RIVERDALE CHURCH



RIVERDALE, Ga.—We should like for all Church of God people everywhere to rejoice with us in the victories God has given to our church. Getting the people's confidence and teaching them our Church government, my wife and I worked for a new church in this community one year before organizing. The people opened their homes so graciously to us for services. In these services God wrought some mighty miracles.

The church was organized with sixteen members on July 2, 1950, by Brother G. R. Watson, our district

overseer. The present membership is thirty-nine. Our building was started in August, 1950, and all the labor was donated except the roofing and brick. The total labor cost was \$950. A 76-year-old man with many years' building experience gave his services in supervising the construction of our church. The building, 30 x 50 feet, is on a beautiful elevated lot beside Highway 85, seventeen miles south of Atlanta. It has finished hardwood floors, two 70,000 B.T.U. floor furnaces with thermostat control, an elevated choir with theater type seats and wine

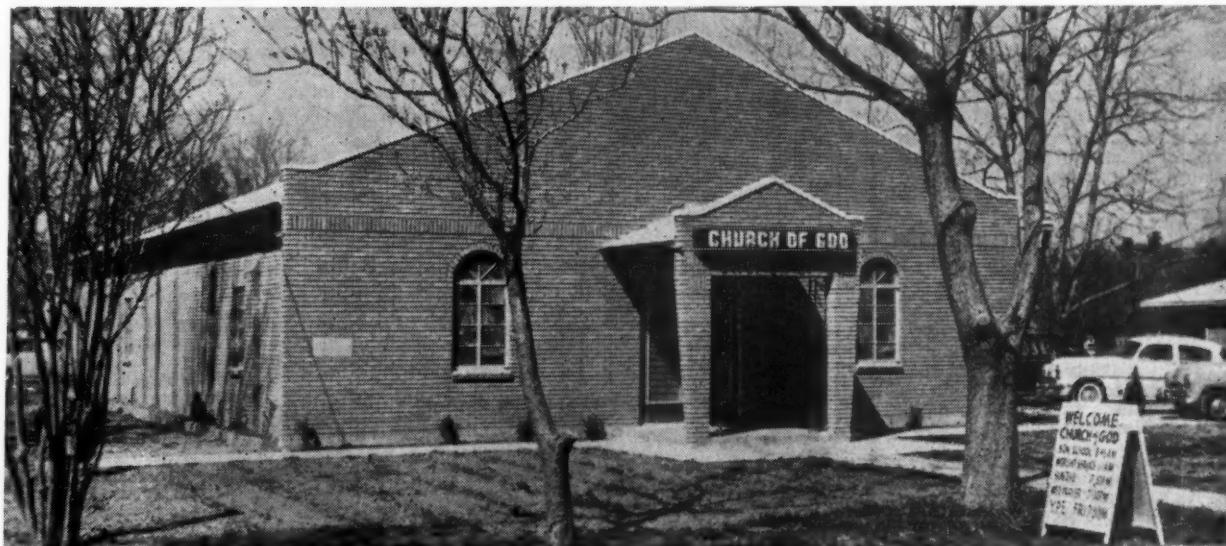


A. J. Clements

curtains, and a grand piano. The rest rooms are to the right and left of the vestibule. The windows are of glare-proof hammered glass, and the brick is gray.

The estimated value of this church is \$20,000, but the actual cost of the lot, church, and furniture was \$13,000. The present indebtedness is \$200. For these victories, we humbly say, "Thank God."—A. J. Clements, Pastor.

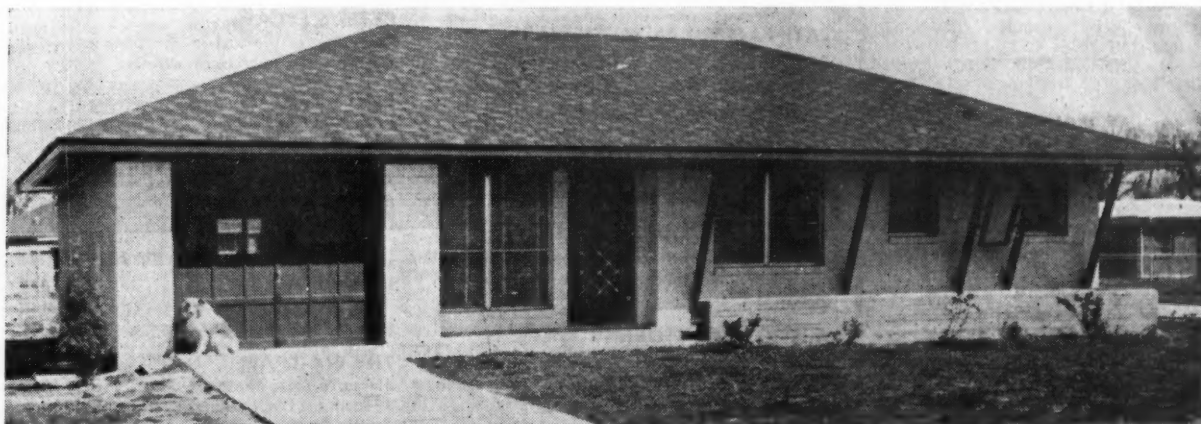
+ The New Church and Parsonage at Houston Number One +



The beautiful 40 x 70-foot brick church, with modern rest rooms, is located at 4601 North Yale, Houston, Texas, on three ideal corner lots in one of the choice sections of the city. This

building is appraised at \$35,000. There is plenty of room for an adequate Sunday School plant and an L.W.W.B. room to be added, which, of course, the church contemplates. When this

addition is made, there will still be plenty of parking space left. The old church building was at 1404 Allston Street. When it was sold, the money was invested in this new building.



This lovely, ultramodern three-bedroom parsonage is on a corner lot at 323 Spell Street, about six blocks from the church in one of Houston's new housing communities. The value of the parsonage is \$12,500. From the sale of the smaller parsonage on DuBarry Lane and another dwelling that it was paying for, the church invested its equity in the purchase of this new

parsonage.

Brother W. H. Henry began his pastorate of the Houston Number One Church in September, 1952; it goes without saying that he has given the best of spiritual and business leadership. I am sure that the ministers and members throughout Texas join me in rejoicing with Brother and Sister Henry and the members over their dual

achievement.

The building committee is due much credit for the faithful and understanding cooperation that it gave the pastor in these projects. The members are: E. M. Bounds, H. H. Heil, Tom Hollenbeck, H. A. Briggs, W. J. Hodge, Deryl Heil, and John Stewart. —J. D. Bright, State Overseer of Texas.

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religious news



GRAHAM MEETING IN NASHVILLE BREAKS ALL RECORDS

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (EP) The 26 meetings held by Billy Graham and his team in the Vanderbilt University stadium from August 22 through September 19 broke all records for American evangelism, according to an article in the Nashville **Banner**. Total attendance of 660,000 was recorded with 6,661 decisions for Christ during the Nashville Crusade. The largest crowds in Tennessee history for any event gathered, with a final crowd of 65,000 which crowded the stands of the stadium and spilled down onto the playing field. The Graham meetings contributed 20,000 dollars to the stadium for night lights making it possible for the first time to use the stadium at night, and leaving a permanent memento of the crusade in Nashville.

During the meetings, Bible sales soared, and tavern operators complained for lack of business. A number of musicians and entertainers were converted, and civic leaders showed great interest. Congressman Percy Priest, Democratic "whip" in the House of Representatives was present at every service, and Governor Clement attended the final meeting and led in prayer for the evangelist. The Graham team begins in New Orleans at Pelican Stadium, October 3.

COMIC BOOKS PROMISE HOUSECLEANING

DENVER, Colorado (EP) Charles F. Murphy, new code administrator for the nations comic books industry, promised to rid the newsstands of comic book "trash." He told a press conference all horror and terror comic books "have to go" and characters in the books placed on sale will be dressed in a manner reasonable and acceptable to society.

The New York City magistrate met with newsmen after returning from Glenwood Springs, Colorado, where he outlined the industry's new code of ethics to representatives of the Central State Distributors Association and regional presidents of the association. Murphy said one of the new regulations will require that women be drawn in a reasonable manner, without undue exaggeration of any physical characteristics. Murphy said in an interview earlier he had been "assured that publication of horror and terror comics would stop completely, and the publishers assured me they would cooperate."

The new code will be formulated by

October 15, said Murphy, after which his staff will begin screening approximately 350 different comic book titles. "We are going to prohibit parts of any magazine which are not in good taste, with respect to language, costumes, art work, sadism, and crime." For instance: he said, "We don't have any real enforcement powers, but we will depend on publicity to keep publishers in line."

Murphy, 44, represents about 27 comic book publishers. He is resigning as a New York City magistrate to take over the new administrative post created by the Comics Magazine Association of America.

CHAPLAINS PARACHUTE WITH PRAYER

NEWHALL, California (EP) Praying as they parachuted in shirtsleeves, 15 chaplains landed safely minutes before their disabled Air Force C46 plane crashed and burned. The three crewmen also bailed out successfully.

"You can be sure there was plenty of praying going on," said the Rev. Lertis R. Ellett of Lawndale, California, Church of Christ, who is an Air Force reserve colonel. "This was an occasion when, doubly, we were practicing what we preach; namely, prayer," said the Rev. Neville E. Carlson, Assembly of God pastor of Fillmore, California. "The Lord was with us in many ways, even to the fact that the fire in one engine was on the right side of the plane door, and the door through which we jumped was on the left," said the Rev. Bertil Von Norman of the West Hollywood Presbyterian Church.

The group of Civil Air Patrol chaplains from Southern California left Burbank in the C46, bound for a regional CAP chaplains conference at Sacramento. The chaplains and crew were wearing back parachutes and had been briefed before take-off but none of the ministers had ever jumped before.

WCTU LAUNCHING BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN

LEXINGTON, Kentucky (EP) The skeleton of death depicted on a huge billboard with the words "It was only beer, but its companion was death," was displayed in a downtown hotel lobby. The sign caught the eye of thousands as they streamed through the hotel lobby meeting friends, trying for a room, or looking for a ticket for the Kentucky-Maryland football game. The hotel is convention head-

quarters for the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The signboard is typical of many which the WCTU plans to erect beside the nations highways, Mrs. Glenn G. Hays, president, told the organization's 80th anniversary celebration. Another sign shows a man held captive in a bottle, and reads, "Will you be next? More than four million alcoholics in the U.S.A."

COMMUNISTS USE FREE FUNERALS TO DISPLACE CROSS

ROME (EP) Lithuanians can get free church funerals by substituting a picture of Lenin or Stalin for the cross. According to sources here, Communist authorities in Lithuania pay five hundred rubles to relatives of the deceased as a "progress premium" if a portrait of either of the dead Communist leaders is given the place of honor usually occupied by the cross. A religious funeral costs five hundred rubles in Lithuania. A religious wedding costs six hundred, compared to six rubles for a civil marriage.

It is reported that 410 persons were converted to Mormonism last year in Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida, compared to 300 the previous year. Membership in the region totals 22,000, and 8 new chapels will be dedicated this fall adding to the present 76.

The Knights of Columbus claim a record number of 310,000 requests for information about Roman Catholicism, and also a record enrollment for religious instruction by mail of 40,376 during the past year as a result of its advertising program.

A Canadian bishop told the World Anglican Congress in Minneapolis, Minnesota, recently that Anglicans in Canada are "losing the battle of the cradle and immigration" to Roman Catholics. He said it is being predicted that Canada will be a Catholic country by 1970.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Nashville, granted the Home Mission Board permission to borrow three million dollars from Atlanta banks for the purpose of relending to churches under its Church Extension Loan Fund.

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